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Attached please find formal replacement FIGS. 1-7b for the originally-submitted informal FIGS. 1-7b. The new formal replacement figures add no new matter.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. Attached hereto is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with their current status listed parenthetically. By this Response, claims 1-17 have been cancelled, without prejudice to further prosecution, and new claims 18-24 have been added.

At the outset, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 3, 4 and 6-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant submits new claims 18-24. Claim 18 comprises claim 3 and its base claim (claim 1). Claim 19 comprises claims 3 and 4 and their base claim (claim 1). Claim 20 comprises claim 6 and its base claim (claim 1). Claim 21 comprises claim 7 and its base claim (claim 1). Claim 22 comprises claims 7 and 8 and their base claim (claim 1). Claim 23 comprises claim 9 and its base claim (claim 1). Claim 24 comprises claim 10 and its base claim (claim 1). Applicant submits that claims 18-24 are now allowable.

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Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1, 2, 5, 11, 13 and 15-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,697,382 ("Eatherton").

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 12, 14 and 17 stand rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Eatherton.

As claims 1-17 have been cancelled without prejudice, these rejections are now moot.

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Conclusion

Applicant believes that this Response has addressed all items in the Office Action and now places the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of claims 18-24 at an early date is solicited. No fee is believed due with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee required to our Deposit Account No. 50-3143, in the name of Pulse-Link, Inc. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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